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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Wassington, Dec. 24.—For lower lichigan: Showers, colder, turning to low in northern portion; north winds. "CHRIST IS BORN." Christianity mry be viewed from two apects, the human and the divine. It been so viewed during the twenty enturies of its career. Christ may be lowed as "a root out of dry ground havng go form or comeliness that we hould admire him," or as "the chiefest should a imire him, or as "the chiefest among ten thousand and the one alto-gether lovely." The helpless infant of an unmarried peasant woman lying in a manger amidst the cattle of the fields, or the peasant carpenter of Nazareth, the companion of ill-smelling fishermen. the traveling priest who had not sere to lay his head, ending his short object not highly calculated secure the world's admiration erence. He would be the rejected and despised of men. There is another view of Christianity which the Scriptures force upon us. They contain the

distance between this view and the other. There is this vast difference between saying "Jesus is born," and "Christ is been." We little realize how ent an allegation we make when we ng an epoch in the world's historj. We perpetuate the memory of an event which, if it is true, is a more tone event than the creation of the world. It is proper to say it is un-paralleled; for, while the idea of a God incarnate is not peculiar to Christiannever before realized. The ancients civilized world at least bolds that in Christ alone was the longing realized. Christianity, it is true, does make a trendons demand on the imagination, on our credulity, and on our ress when it asks us to believe that the or of the universe velled himself in Jesus of Nazareth. But this is what is meant when we say, "Jesus was the Christ." It may be doubted whether his disciples ever reached such a conception, but Paul certainly seemed to do so, and it must be confessed that some of Christ's own declaration fully support Paul's. Such expressions as these:
"I came down from heaven," "Before
Abraham was I sea," His prayer, "Glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory I had with thes before fore the foundation of the world." These expressions, and many others, give apparent strong support to the idea that Jesus was truly Emmanuel, viz: "God with us." This is what Christmas means to the well-informed orthodox Christian. Jesus to him is thus much more than a Jewish prophet, or an in-spired miracle worker. For the first and only time God velled himself in humanity. While it is true that God is "all, and in all," yet the Christian beweal his true character; so that in a true and deep seems God was been when Jeaus was been! We do not begin our tence when we are born. We simpiy come out into a greater fullness of and so the deep meaning of Christ-in that on this day God began to

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There is a hait in the renewed export of gold. For the moment Germany, whither all the chipments have gone, appears to have satisfied her wants; and there are no symptoms of any important further immediate consignments. At settlement of enumal belancings, and it would not be surprising should some further moderate amounts be sent. The condition of the trade movement is not suggestive of a continuous outflow. It is true, that our experts of produce are light; but we have considerable surplus stocks of grain; and what is more imstocks of grain; and what is more important, the importations of merchandise are undergoing a very severe contraction and are likely to remain far below the average volume until the new tariff takes effect. It might be rather fortunate than otherwise to part with fifteen or twenty millions of our gold. The effect at home would be to reduce the unhealthy surplus of money; and abroad to produce an ease in the money markets calculated to develop a demand alike for our securities and our products.

business in an unsattled condition, and may be expected to do so until the new duties are finally fixed. Discouraging as this prospect may seem, it is not without some alleviations. A market of exhausted stocks has always certain advantages over a glutted one. Makers and holders of merchandise, in such conditions, have it in their power to support prices and to make profits, though it be upon largely reduced sales. Nor is it to be overlooked that the tariff prospects and the depression of business are combining to exclude competition from foreign goods, and hence the large falling off in the current imports. There can be no doubt that, in most branches of trade, the production still continues much behind the consumption. This foreshadows an ultimate exhaustion of jobbers' and retailers' stocks to a point that will leave a large vacuum to be filled, in the filling of which manfactur-ers should be in a position to obtain fair prices. It is therefore to be expected that so soon as the new duties are settled there will be a considerable are settled there will be a considerable revival of industrial activity. That restarting of production will give more general employment to labor, and the working million will gradually resume its wonted position as an element of demand, and the country will step by step regain its wonted prosperity. During the intervening period of inactivity business can only remain severely contracted; but the country will feel that it

EXPERT TESTIMONY.

The progress of the Prendergast trial in Chicago is illustrating most forcibly the seeming desirability and at the same time the uncertain reliability of expert testimony. The only issue in the cause is the question of the sanity of the prisoner. The circumstances of the killing of Mayor Harrison are well known, in fact are admitted by the attorneys for the accused. Their defense is the alleged ineanity of the prisoner. The prosecution instead of being obliged to prove the act, as in ordinary cases, is bending all energies to establish the prisoner's sanity and responsibility. A number of physicians, some of them insanity experts, have testified that in their opinion Prendergast is as mad as a march hare, while others have been equally positive in the belief thathe was a sane man when the crime was committed; that he could distinguish between right and wrong and should be held accountable for his deeds and acts. If all the niedical experts are to be believed a serious wrong will be done if Prendergast is hanged or if he goes free. The testimony is flatly contradictory. "When doctors disagree who shall decide?" The only course left for the jury in this case is to render a verdict accord ing to the belief of individual jurors and this will probably be done. It is in factan open question if the opinion of a person nessed of ordinary some and judgment, upon a question of sanity, is not as likely to be right as that of those who pretend to have technical knowledge of the subject.

THE custom of making Chistmas gifts has both beautiful and undesirable features. In the latter days the custom, in America particularly, has degenerated with some into an ostentations display of generosity. There is a sort of competition to give presents as valuable and costly as their neighbors give. This, with those of deeper thought, has brought the custom into disrepute and caused it to be termed the "silly season of sentiment and extravagance." It is the extravagance and not the entiment that should be condemned. The value of a Christmas gift should not be meanured by its cost but by the love and affection that prompts it.

Accenates to Dun's report about 2,000,000 people are out of work in this country at the present time. We have a rague, dim memory that one William McKinley of Ohio predicted this condition of things thirteen months ago and was thereupen described as a calamity shrinker by a united democratic press. Chicago Mail.

Among the recent patents issued was officed last week, incident to the closing of the St. Nicholas bonk, says Henry through the St. Nicholas bonk, says Henry turner." Grand Rapids drue could do a large business in that pscullar article of that reason its ofcoing caused little glasity give them to their bushands.

The attaches of The Grand presents Manager Orin Stair with a handsomalk umbrells and Treasurer Delamater with a cane, as Christmas remembrances. Manager Stair thanked them racefully for the gift, but Mr. Delamater for once was so surprised as to be made to talk.

Smith's held a delighted audience last night. The olio part of the bill is particularly strong.

"Ben Hur" will be given the initial presentation in The Powers' tomorrow evening.

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el Works Scheme Collapsed fo

Want of Funds.

Asstrasula, Ohio, Dec. 24.—The end of the great steel works scheme, which budded in a land boom and blossomed with promises which eclipse the dreams of C.I. Mulberry Sellers, has probably come in a suit commenced by Lucien Seymour, to collect pay for painting and papering the office used as headquarters. There are many other bills held by parties in this place, which will be presented for payment if Seymour succeeds in discovering any assets. The office is still kept open by Lewis Amsden, a resident surveyor, who uses it for his headquarters. Some boundary stakes and little stone piers for locating purposes are all that mark the site of the proposed immense industry.

An Imported Pastor. An Imported Pastor.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The Rev. G. M. McGregor, of Aberdeen, Scotland, one of the best known clergymen of the Scotch free church, had accepted a call to the pastorate of Dwight I. Moody a church in this city. In securing Dr. McGregor a puculiar complication arose, as no contract could be entered into because of the alien labor law. The preacher accepted the call, however, on the strength of the promise that he would receive a good salary.

Street Waife Christmas Dinner. CHICADO, Dec. 24.—Twelve hundred street waifs were given a substantial Christmas dinner in Battery D this afternoon, the gift of the charitable citizens of Chicago, business firms and newspapers. After the children had exten their fill, each was given a ticket calling for some article of clothing at the State street mission.

McKinley Their Guest. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 24.—Gov. William McKinley of Ohio will probably accept an invitation to be the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Commercial club. The date of the dinner will be fixed to suit the convenience of

Cannot Get Coal Cars. POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—Owing to inability to get empty cars, orders have been passed around today that none of the Lehigh collieries in this region will work this coming week until Thursday. The Reading collieries will start on

Mitchell Starts for Florida.

Naw Yosk, Dec. 24.—Charley Mitchell arrived in town this morning at 8 o'clock and will remain until Tuesday morning, when he will take the 7:20 a.m. train on the Richmond & Danville for Florida which will arrive in Jacksonville at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

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